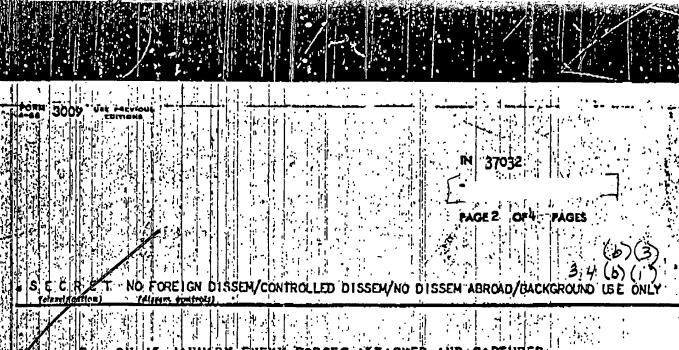
Intelligence Information Cable FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. DIST 25 JANUARY 1968 OF THE SECURITY OF THE QUERRILZA BASE AT PHOU PHA AND PROVISIONS FOR ITS DEFENSE AS OF LATE JANUARY 1968 SINCE LATE DECEMER 1967, WHEN APPRAISE THE SECURITY SITUATION AT PHOU PHA THI (UH 6662), THE ENEMY MADE THE FOLLOWING MOVES THAT THREATEN THE APPROACHES TO PHOU PHA THI ON 12 JANUARY 1968 INO NORTH VIETNAMESE AN 2 COLTS ATTEMPTED TO AGA IN ATTEMPT IS PROBABLE THAT THE ENEMY WIL



- NUONS SON (UK 7661) 40 KILOMETERS VEST OF PHOU PHA THI. MUONE SON HAS ALSTRIP FOR CARIBOU AIRCRAFT AND WAS IMPORTANT AS AN ALTERNATE SUPPLY POINT FOR GUERRILLA FORCES IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE.
- AT NHOT PHAT CUH 6733) AND PHOU DEN DINCUH 7761), NINE KILOMETERS
 EAST OF PHOU PHA THI. THESE POSITIONS WERE PART OF THE OUTER DEFENSIVE
 PERIMETER FOR PHOU PHA THI AND THE ENEMY HAD KEPT BOTH POSITIONS UNDER
 CONSTANT AND STEADILY INCREASING PRESSURE SINCE EARLY DECEMBER 1967.
- OUTPOSTS IN THE VICINITY OF MUONG HIEM OUN 3122), WHICH IS 15 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF PHOU PHA THI. THIS ACTION WAS MERELY A SMALL PATHET LAO RAID AND WAS PROBABLY NOT PART OF THE ENEMY'S EFFORT AGAINST PHOU PHA THIS
 - 2. IT NOV APPEARS THAT THE ENEMY IS MOVING IN TO TRY TO PUT

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HIMSELF WITHIN MORTAR AND/OR 105MM HOWITZER RANGE OF PHOU PHA THI
SO THAT HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRING PHOU PHA THI UNDER FIRE AND IN
SO DOING MAKE THE BASE CAMP INOPERATIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND HIS MOVES
MAY BE A PRELUDE TO A COMBINED OPERATION USING A GROUND ASSAULT
SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY MORTAR FIRE WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY
AIR ATTACKS BY AN-2 COLTS OR OTHER AIRCRAFT.

EUT IF HE DOES STRIKE AT IT IN A CONCENTRATED GROUND AND MORTAR
ASSAULT THERE SHOULD BE EIGHT HOURS' PRIOR NOTICE ALERTING THE
DEFENDERS TO THE FACT THAT A MAJOR ATTACK IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE.
THIS ADVANCE NOTICE SHOULD ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE GUERRILLAS TO HOLD
PHOU PHA THI AGAINST AN ENEMY ATTACK. CURRENTLY GENERAL VANG PAC,
COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE LAO ARMED FORCES SECOND MILITARY REGION, IS
TAKING ACTION TO THROW THE ENEMY OFF BALANCE IN THE AREA AROUND
PHOU PHA THI BY INTENSIFYING HIS PATROL ACTIVITY TO BRING IN
EFFECTIVE AIR STRIKES ON ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO
HARASS THE POSITIONS THE EVENY TOOK ON 22 JANUARY AT NHOT PHAT
AND FROU DEN DINT GENERAL VANG PAO IS ALSO FORMULATING PLANS

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RET NO FOREIGN DISSEM/CONTROLLED DISSEM/NO DISSEM ABROAD/BA TO RETAKE NHOT PHAT AND PHOU DEN DIN. SUCH ACTION, IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL THROW THE ENEMY OUT OF PHASE AND MAY DELAY THE ENEMY'S NEXT MOVE AGAINST PHOU PHA THI. 4. THE CHARGE HAS READ THIS REPORT AND HAS OFFERED NO OBJECTIONS. 5. FIELD DISSEME, STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC